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Medina, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1848. He removed to Tipton, Iowa, in 1850, residing there nineteen years. In 1857 he became proprietor of *The Tipton Advertiser*, which he published until 1863. Under his administration *The Advertiser* became one of the most widely known country weeklies of this State. During the session of the Legislature of 1860 that portion of the House Journal in which the election of State Printer was made a matter of record was stolen. In a purely accidental way Mr. Daniels was instrumental in bringing this theft to light. There was no general investigation of the matter, but the Journal was quietly restored by authority of the House from the rough notes kept by the clerk, and nothing serious resulted. He retired from *The Advertiser* after conducting the paper six years, and settled in Mount Pleasant, where he resided up to the time of his death at the ripe age of 85 years. He had held several positions of honor and trust and was widely and favorably known.

GEORGE FRANKLIN WRIGHT was born in Warren, Washington county, Vt., Dec. 5, 1833; he died in Council Bluffs, Dec. 13, 1906. He was reared on a farm and received his education at West Randolph, Vt., where the late Judge Austin Adams was his tutor. In 1855 he came to Iowa and commenced the study of the law with the firm of Wright, Knapp & Caldwell in Keosauqua. In 1857 he was admitted to the bar and began practicing under the firm name, Knapp, Caldwell & Wright. In 1861 he helped raise a company of volunteers and was elected first lieutenant. Business demanding his return to Keosauqua, he raised a company of militia and was elected captain. The organization was in active service in protecting the Iowa border. In 1868 Mr. Wright removed to Council Bluffs and formed a law partnership with Judge Caleb Baldwin. Aside from his profession he was interested in many business enterprises. He was president of the first street railway company; helped to organize companies for the manufacture of coal illuminating gas in various Iowa towns, and organized the Omaha and Council Bluffs Railway & Bridge Co. He served in the Senate in the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th General Assemblies, being a member of the judiciary committee.

HIRAM SCHOFIELD was born in Hadley, Saratoga county, N. Y.; he died in Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30, 1906. He graduated from Union College, Schenectady, in 1853, and from the law school at Albany in 1856. In 1857 he removed to Washington, Iowa, where he practiced his profession and became one of the best known lawyers in southeastern Iowa. His military career was a brilliant one. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in the 2d Iowa Infantry. He participated in many engagements, including the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and the siege of Corinth. He was promoted to first lieutenant and later served as assistant adjutant-general on the staffs of Generals Lauman and McCarthy. He was then made colonel of the 8th Louisiana colored infantry, and subsequently commanded a brigade. He was brevetted brigadier-general at the close of the war. In 1868 he was chosen a presidential elector on the Republican ticket. He was a collector of rare books and left one of the largest private libraries in the State.

SAMUEL LUCIUS BESTOW was born at Williamsville, N. Y., March 8, 1823; he died in Chariton, Iowa, Jan. 10, 1907. In 1869 he came to Lucas county and purchased a farm, where he resided until a few

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